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ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, when we were considering LB 657, before lunch, we were considering an amendment from Senator Chambers, and that is FA131. (Legislative Journal page 1217.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We'll resume debate on the Chambers' amendment. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, I don't think...to my knowledge, any of the proponents to the bill have any problems with Senator Chambers amendment. The thing I would...I would hopefully point out however, not with respect to Senator Chambers' idea of protecting the sewer...sewer separation project, but with respect to the entire bill is that I believe we all feel that the entire bill has a significant impact on the welfare of the state, because it does affect a large percentage of the population and I feel the whole bill, as a matter of statewide significance for the variety of reasons that myself and others have stated in the debate up until this point. So maybe we should consider adding Senator Chambers' language to the remainder of the bill. But we can wait on that. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, are there any other lights on?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I will let this be my close. Well, maybe I better say something, because it looks like our numbers are a little sparse. What I...what I should do, for the record, is explain what this amendment does. It says, and these are not the words, because you have them on your gadget, that this sewer separation project will have an impact on a substantial portion of the population's health and welfare and the general health...general public health anyway. That makes it a matter of statewide concern. When a city is named specifically as Omaha is in this regard, care has to be taken to make sure that the issue involved in that situation is one that involves the whole state to keep it from being special legislation. Perhaps